

**VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE POWHATAN VILLAGE BUILDING AUDITORIUM, 3910 OLD BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS ON JULY 26, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.**

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**Board of Supervisors Present:** David T. Williams, District 1,  
Tom E. Berry, District 2  
Michael W. Byerly, District 3, Vice Chairman  
Bill L. Cox, District 4  
Karin M. Carmack, District 5, Chair

**Board of Supervisors Absent:** None

**County Staff Present:** Ned Smither, County Administrator  
Bret Schardein, Assistant County Administrator  
Tom Lacheney, County Attorney  
Phil Warner, Fire and Rescue Chief  
Alyson Oliver, Planner II  
Frank Hopkins, Planning Director  
Curt Nellis, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator

**Constitutional Officers Present:** Brad Nunnally, Sheriff

**Guests Present:** Gary Wood, Firefly Broadband

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Carmack called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Byerly led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Invocation**

Mr. Williams led the Invocation

**4. Requests to Postpone Agenda Items and Additions, Deletions or Changes in the Order of Presentation**

No requests were made to amend the Agenda.



## 5. Formal Approval of Agenda

Chairman Carmack made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Michael W. Byerly, Bill L. Cox, Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 5-0**  
**MOTION Passed**

## 6. County Administrator Updates- Certificates of Appreciation, Special Resolutions, Proclamations and Presentations

- A. P-2021-38 Proclamation Recognizing Curt Nellis, Emergency Manager & Emergency Services Solutions Inc. for Their Efforts to Bring Vaccination Clinics to Powhatan
- B. P-2021-09 Proclamation Recognizing Bret Schardein, Assistant County Administrator for his award from the Virginia Local Government Management Association for the 2021 Marsha Mashaw Outstanding Assistant Award
- C. Gary Wood, Firefly Broadband - update on potential Firefly Broadband partnership
- D. Building Permit Third Party Plan Review – Discussion
- E. Introduction of new staff
  - i. Holly Tole, Senior Executive Associate/Deputy Clerk
  - ii. Logan Simmons, IT Technician
  - iii. Frank Hopkins, Planning Director
  - iv. Madison Shelton, Parks and Recreation Tech
  - v. Charles Evers, Chief Assessor
  - vi. Jamie McDaniel, Social Services

## 7. Public Comment (time limit 3 minutes per individual/5 minutes per group, 30 minutes total time limit that can be extended by the Board)

Chairman Carmack opened the first public comment period.



29:44, Bob Kelly, 2572 Walkers Ridge Terrace  
32:03, Terry Stratton, 2940 Lake Louise Drive  
34:58, Dee Strickland, 2921 Deercreek Trail  
38:15, Donald Silberbauer, 1426 Donavon Mill Lane  
41:39, John Stevens, Rocky Ford Road  
43:31, Sarah Koch, 2221 Autumn Oaks Lane  
48:50, Jaqueline Anderson, 3342 Pineacre Drive  
50:09, Eleanor Dowdy, 3499 Richards Run  
51:21, Freddie Cumbea, 4300 Steger Creek Drive  
53:28, Joe Ordia, 3343 South Meadows Circle  
56:52, Mike Crist, 3801 Bent Arrow Drive  
58:40, Victoria Ronnau, 6430 Blenheim Road  
1:01:32, Robert Powers, 2792 Spencerwood Drive  
1:04:50, Amanda Kozak, 3378 Manor Oaks Drive  
1:08:05, Sarah Taylor, 2987 Huguenot Trail  
1:11:18, Michelle Ward, 1925 Hickory Shade Drive  
1:14:54, Stephanie Sellers, 4130 Three Bridge Road  
1:17:34, Carl Schwendeman, 1727 Theresa Lane

Public comments emailed to County Administration are attached

No other speakers. Chairman Carmack closed the public comment period.

## **8. Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes November 16, 2020 Special Meeting
- B. Minutes December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting
- C. Minutes January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting
- D. Minutes January 25, 2021 Special Meeting
- E. R-2021-36 Amending the FY21 Powhatan County Operating Budget by Budgeting and Appropriating \$30,000 in the General Fund to the County Capital Projects Fund for the Administration Building Painting and \$47,000 in the Utilities Fund to the Utilities Capital Project Fund for Easement and Plant Clearing





F. R-2021-37 Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

G. Treasurer's Accountability Fund

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Byerly seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Bill L. Cox, Michael W. Byerly, Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 5-0**  
**MOTION Passed**

## **9. New Business**

A. First Amendment and Medical Freedom Resolution – Discussion

Mr. Byerly read the resolution to the members of the board and citizens. Mr. Byerly motioned to approve the resolution. Chairman Carmack seconded the motion. Discussion of the resolution among the members of the board was held.

David T. Williams, Tom. E Berry, Bill L. Cox voted NO, Michael W. Byerly and Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 3-2**  
**MOTION Failed**

Chairman Carmack called for a 5-minute recess

## **10. Old Business**

A. Ordinance O-2021-09 (Case #21-04-REZ) James E. Sumrell III Rezoning of Tax Map Parcel #8-83 (4.7 acres) from General Commercial (C) to Crossroads (CR) (District 5: Smiths Crossroads/Pineville/Tobaccoville)

Planner, Alyson Oliver provided an overview of the Ordinance for tax parcel #8-83, which is also known as 4050 Maidens Road. Applicant is making request to operate an automotive wrecker service and is being submitted along with Case #21-01 CUP.



After discussion among the board members and Ms. Oliver, Chairman Carmack motioned to approve Case #21-04-REZ. Mr. Byerly seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom. E Berry, Bill L. Cox voted NO, Michael W. Byerly and Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 3-2**  
**MOTION Failed**

**11. Public Hearings**

- A. Ordinance O-2021-10 (Case #21-01-CUP) James E. Sumrell III CUP for Tax Map Parcel #8-83 (4.7 acres) to Permit an Automotive Wrecker Service (District 5: Smiths Crossroads/Pineville/Tobaccoville)

Planner, Alyson Oliver provided an overview of the Ordinance for tax parcel #8-83, which is also known as 4050 Maidens Road. Chairman Carmack opened the Public Hearing.

No speakers present or remotely, Chairman Carmack closed the Public Hearing. Chairman Carmack opened discussion to members of the board.

After discussion among the board members and Ms. Oliver, Chairman Carmack motioned to approve Case #21-01-CUP. Mr. Byerly seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom. E Berry, Bill L. Cox voted NO, Michael W. Byerly and Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 3-2**  
**MOTION Failed**

- B. Ordinance O-2021-18 (Case #21-05-REZC) Timbercreek Building and Design, LLC (District #1: Subletts/Manakin/Flat Rock) requests the rezoning of Tax Map Parcels #42-57F and 42-68 from Light Industrial (I-1) with proffered conditions (Case #04-04-REZC), General Commercial (C), and Agricultural-10 (A-10) to Light Industrial (I-1) with proffered conditions

Planner, Alyson Oliver provided an overview of the Case #21-05-REZC, as a request to rezone tax map parcels #42-57F and 42-68, which are in the eastern end of the county, off Route 60/Anderson Highway. Chairman Carmack opened the public hearing. Speakers were as follows:





- i. 2:18:46, Carl Schwendeman, 1727 Theresa Lane

Seeing as there were no other speakers present or remotely, Chairman Carmack closed the public hearing. Chairman Carmack opened the floor to board member comments.

After the board discussion, Mr. Williams motioned to approve Ordinance O-2021-18. Mr. Byerly seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Bill L. Cox, Michael W. Byerly, Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 5-0**  
**MOTION Passed**

- C. Ordinance O-2021-19 (Case #21-06-REZC) Goodwyn LLC (District #3: Bethesda/Lee's Landing) requests the rezoning of Tax Map Parcels #27-7 and 27-8 from Commerce Center (CC) to Agricultural-10 (A-10) with one (1) proffered condition

Planner, Alyson Oliver provided an overview of Case#21-06-REZC, applicant has requested the rezoning of tax map parcels #27-7 and 27-8, which is located off Route 60/Anderson Highway, northeast of the intersection of Skaggs Road. Applicant, Doug Bradbury, spoke to the members of the board. Chairman Carmack opened the public hearing. Speakers were as follows:

- i. 2:26:46, David Anderson, 2366 Bell Crest Circle

Seeing as there were no other speakers present or remotely, Chairman Carmack closed the public hearing. Chairman Carmack opened the floor to board member comments.

After the board discussion, Mr. Byerly motioned to approve Ordinance O-2021-19. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Bill L. Cox, Michael W. Byerly, Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 5-0**  
**MOTION Passed**



- D. Ordinance O-2021-20 (Case #21-05-CUP) Alexcia S. Yellis (District #5: Smiths Crossroads/ Pineville/Tobaccoville) requests a conditional use permit (CUP) to allow a detached accessory dwelling unit within the Rural Residential-5 (RR-5)

Planner, Alyson Oliver provided an overview of Case#21-05-CUP, located at 2002 Walnut Tree Court, in the Walnut Tree subdivision, which is being presented to construct a 704 square foot accessory dwelling unit on the subject property. Applicant made her statement via telephone, and discussed her concerns regarding the one driveway, and possibly moving the location of the dwelling, if only one access is allowed. Chairman Carmack opened the public hearing.

Seeing as there were no other speakers present or remotely, Chairman Carmack closed the public hearing. Chairman Carmack opened the floor to board member comments. No comments by the board.

Chairman Carmack motioned to approve O-2021-20, under the condition of keeping one driveway. Mr. Berry seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Bill L. Cox, Michael W. Byerly, Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 5-0**  
**MOTION Passed**

**12. Public Comment** (time limit 3 minutes per individual/5 minutes per group, 30 minutes total time limit that can be extended by the Board)

Chairman Carmack opened the second public comment period.

2:40:30, Donald Silberbauer, 1426 Donavon Mill Lane  
2:42:30, Terry Stratton, 2940 Lake Louise Drive  
2:44:34, Michelle Ward, 1925 Hickory Shade Drive  
2:47:28, Sarah Taylor, 2987 Huguenot Trail  
2:49:28, Dee Strickland, 2921 Deercreek Trail  
2:51:23, David Anderson, 2366 Bell Crest Circle

Emailed Public Comments can be found at the bottom of the minutes.





No other speakers. Chairman Carmack closed the public comment period.

### **13. County Attorney Comments**

The County Attorney had no comments.

### **14. County Administrator Comments**

Mr. Smither announced that Funding for the Education Connection Trail Project which grants the project \$150,173 for a trail running from Powhatan Middle School to Fighting Creek Park

### **15. Board Comments**

Mr. Byerly thanked the citizens of Powhatan County for showing up and expressing their concerns to the members of the board.

### **16. Closed Meeting as authorized by the Code of Virginia**

- A. Update on Eastern Convenience Center
- B. County Administrator's Annual Performance Review
- C. County Attorney's Annual Performance Review

Chairman Carmack asked Mr. Lacheney to read the motion to go into closed session

Mr. Lacheney read: Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of Powhatan County desires to discuss in closed meeting the following matters: Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body with respect to the County Administrator and County Attorney. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body with respect to the convenience center. Whereas, pursuant to: §2.2-3711(A)(1) (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting; Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Powhatan County does hereby authorize discussion of the aforestated matters in Closed Meeting.





Chairman Carmack made the above in the form of a motion. Mr. Cox seconded the motion

David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Bill L. Cox, Michael W. Byerly, Karin M. Carmack voted  
AYE

**VOTE 5-0**  
**MOTION Passed**

**17. Certification of Closed Meeting** as authorized by the Code of Virginia

Chairman Carmack asked Mr. Lacheney to take the board out of closed session. Mr. Lacheney read: The only matters discussed in the closed meeting were public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting  
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David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Bill L. Cox, Michael W. Byerly, Karin M. Carmack voted  
AYE

Chairman Carmack made a motion to increase the county administrator's salary by 5%. Mr. Byerly seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Bill L. Cox, Michael W. Byerly, Karin M. Carmack voted  
AYE

**VOTE 5-0**  
**MOTION Passed**

Chairman Carmack made a motion to increase the county attorney's contract by \$14,000.00 dollars. Mr. Berry seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Tom E. Berry, Bill L. Cox, Michael W. Byerly, Karin M. Carmack voted  
AYE

**VOTE 5-0**  
**MOTION Passed**



## 18. Adjournment

Chairman Carmack adjourned the meeting at 10:02 P.M.  
These minutes were approved on August 23, 2021.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ned Smither", written over a horizontal line.

Ned Smither, County Administrator  
Powhatan County Board of Supervisors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karin Carmack", written over a horizontal line.

Karin M. Carmack, Chairman  
Powhatan County Board of Supervisors

## Recorded Vote:

David T. Williams	Aye
Tom E. Berry	Aye
Michael W. Byerly	Aye
Bill L. Cox	Aye
Karin M. Carmack	Aye





Dear Powhatan Board Members & Representatives,

As a Virginian, I email urging you to support the First Amendment/ Medical Freedom Resolution on the agenda at tonight's meeting (7/26/21). May you seek God's counsel in all your decision making. Thank you for serving your community and the state of Virginia as you do your part to preserve freedoms in Virginia.

God Bless, Lindsay Conway

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Dear Representatives:

PLEASE VOTE YES to support the Medical Freedom Resolution Bill! It is vitally important for ALL Virginians to have medical privacy and have a right to choose what's best for them and their body - without repercussions!! PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RIGHTS - AND VOTE YES!!

Sincerely, Genelle Biggar

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I am writing to plead for your support in the resolution put forth by Virginia Freedom Keepers concerning the agenda item to make Powhatan a Sanctuary for First Amendment/Medical Freedoms. I am not a resident of Powhatan but do live in Virginia and what happens tonight paves the way for me to work in my own county. What happens tonight can build our Country and State up or continue to tear it down. It is so important to stand as a Sanctuary County for First Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of this county and truly all of Virginia. Please protect religious freedoms by voting in support of this resolution. The government has no responsibility in dictating personal health care and medical choices. If even one small inch is given away in our medical freedoms, a mile will be lost and before long we will be told how to treat all illness and conditions. We will no longer have the freedom and free-will that makes our Nation a wonderful place to live. I implore you to please be open to hearing what the speakers say and willing to take a stand and support the citizens in their God given rights to autonomy and first amendment. To do anything else simply goes against the Constitution of the United States.

Respectfully,  
Crystal Sibert Shenandoah County Resident





To Whom it May Concern: I would ask that your please support the Medical Freedom resolution presented before the Powhatan Board this evening. I believe every resident in Virginia has the inalienable right to bodily integrity and should be free from any threat or compulsion that the individual must receive a vaccination. Any individual who exercises the right not to be vaccinated must not be denied any right or privilege of citizenship. Currently Virginia allows for medical and religious exemptions for immunizations and these rights should be given to all Virginia residents who do not want to receive an immunization. A vaccination offered by the Commonwealth of Virginia as part of a mass vaccination effort may only be provided to individuals who consent to receiving the vaccination, without coercion, after receiving full information of all known ingredients, risks and benefits prior to the vaccination. Employers should be prohibited from taking any adverse employment action against an individual who declines a vaccination, including, but not limited to, termination, suspension, involuntary reassignment, unpaid leave, demotion, harassment or coercion have the right apply for and receive unemployment benefits. No one should not be discriminated against, denied entrance, service, the ability to purchase goods or receive medical care or to participate for refusal to accept a vaccination. No one should be forced or coerced to sign a vaccination declination waiver that is condemning, self-incrimination or does not properly express the citizen's beliefs.

Regards, Christine Fisher

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Greetings Mr. Williams, Mr. Berry, Mr. Byerly, Mr. Cox, and Ms. Carmack:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments via email. I am asking that you please support the First Amendment/Medical Freedom Resolution tonight for Powhatan County. The title of this resolution says it all and without your support the freedoms that make our state and nation great will slowly disappear in the name of temporary safety.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Lonto Loudoun County

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To Whom It May Concern: Since I will be unable to attend the important meeting this evening, please consider and share the information I am sending below. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Carolynn Ketwig, Retired RN

How safe is this shot? To put it into perspective, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled 2 million baby cribs because they were unsafe. Since the year 2000, there have been 32 confirmed deaths and 14 suspected deaths attributed to the cribs... What will it take to recall this unsafe v@cc!ne? Apparently, it will need to be more than 11,405 deaths in less than 7 months. CDC Data from VAERS: [Search Results from the VAERS Database \(medalerts.org\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaers/data/index.html) [COVID DATA – OpenVaers](https://www.cdc.gov/vaers/data/index.html) Data is updated every Friday. Reported data is about 2 weeks behind. Remember the





Harvard study commissioned by our government found that 1% of adverse events are ever reported to VAERS. In the European Union's database called EudraVigilance (that covers 27 countries) of adverse reactions to the COVID-19 shots there were 1,509,266 reported injuries, - 753,657- are listed as "serious" including 15,472 deaths as of June 19, 2021. The British Yellow Card system had, as of June 9, 2021, received 276,867 adverse event reports following COVID-19 shots, including 1,332 deaths. How much do you trust Big Pharma Because since the year 2000, \$50,318,398,621 has been paid out by Big Pharma companies after losing lawsuits over things like fraud, consumer protection violations, false claims, kickbacks, and bribery. That, my friend, should be very concerning. Today, they've rolled out COVID-19 shots that were rushed through development and research and they're claiming they're "safe"... Which is easy for them to do, because none of the over \$50 billion in lawsuits was over the documented damage done by "vaccines". The pharmaceutical companies have no liability from the 1986 National Vaccine Injury Act, and protected by 2005 PREP ACT that provides immunity from liability. If you are injured by the COVID-19 shots and live in the U.S., your only recourse is to apply for compensation from the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Act (CICP). Payouts are rare, covering only lost wages and unpaid medical bills, cannot be appealed, are capped around \$370,000 for death, and require you to exhaust your private insurance before kicking in. More deaths reported to VAERS following COVID-19 "vaccinations" than for any other vaccine. "Vaccination numbers decline but infection numbers continue to rise, concern is growing over breakthrough COVID-19 infections Breakthrough cases (people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 who come down with covid). As of April 30, 2021 a total of 10,252 COVID-19 breakthrough infections had been reported from 46 U.S. states and territories. A little more than 4,400 patients with the infection were hospitalized and 879 of them died...totaling 4,689 patients with a COVID-19 breakthrough infection or hospitalized or died." The COVID-19 "vaccines" due not confer immunity or prevent transmission. Both WHO and Dr. Fauci stated the same. Pharmaceutical information on their websites also states the same. To whom it may concern: Please adamantly support the forthcoming First Amendment/Medical Freedom resolution, so that no one might be coerced illegitimately into acceptance of either the COVID jabs or any form of medical experimentation. Furthermore, let us recall the universally recognized principle of informed consent, as was clearly laid down in the international, authoritative standard recorded in the Post-WWII, 1947 Nuremberg Code, the same which was later upheld in the 1960's Helsinki Declaration, and which notion is even maintained in the US FD&C Act, as I presently understand. Generally speaking, without the firm recognition of commonly-accepted notions or principles, human society cannot last for very long. In short: No house divided against itself can stand, plain and simple.

Thank you,  
Joseph Lynne

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Dear Representatives and Powhatan Board of Supervisors,

I am unable to attend the meeting this evening but wished to send a note to request and ask for your support to make Powhatan County a Sanctuary Area and preserve liberty and freedom in our area. We live in unprecedented times and our rights and freedoms are being challenged and need to be protected now more than ever. Please make a huge statement for Powhatan and honor our religious

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freedoms and in the very least show that everyone deserves a CHOICE. I'm including some links and excerpts from articles which support why in the very least we should be able to continue to invoke both our First and Second Amendment rights when it comes to vaccines mandates and the safety of our children and all citizens. Some of the research had been suppressed by the media but if one truly seeks, the truth is out there or at least enough information for a sound minded individual to admit something is out of alignment. We should question everything right now especially when any government body wished to take away our freedoms. "Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution the time will come when medicine will organize itself into an undercover dictatorship. To restrict the art of healing to doctors and deny equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic." ~ Attributed to Dr. Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration of Independence [GreenMedinfo.com](https://www.greenmedinfo.com) Has Drug-Driven Medicine Become a Form of Human Sacrifice? Benjamin Rush accurately foretold a grave possibility facing Americans today, namely, that the art and science of healing be restricted to a select class of allopathic physicians, who have the sole legal right to recommend and administer medicines, and whose pharmacopeia excludes – as a matter of principle – all the healing foods, vitamins and herbs which have been used safely and effectively for countless millenia in the prevention and treatment of disease

VAERS data released today by the CDC showed a total of 387,087 reports of adverse events from all age groups following COVID vaccines, including 6,113 deaths and 31,240 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020 and June 18, 2021 [www.greenmedinfo.com](https://www.greenmedinfo.com) Latest CDC VAERS Data Show Reported Injuries Surpass 11,000 in Ages 12 to 17 Following COVID Vaccines VAERS data released today by the CDC showed a total of 387,087 reports of adverse events from all age groups following COVID vaccines, including 6,113 deaths and 31,240 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020 and June 18, 2021

"We've never seen this level of side effects for any vaccine without the FDA taking action," Dr. Angelina Farella, pediatric medical director for America's Frontline Doctors, said in a statement. "The Rotavirus vaccine was pulled for 15 cases of non-lethal side effects and the Swine Flu vaccine was pulled for 25 deaths. But now, by the CDC's own data, we are seeing a 12,000 percent increase in deaths with these vaccines and they're still talking about giving this to our kids."

[www.theepochtimes.com](https://www.theepochtimes.com)

18 Cases of Heart Inflammation After COVID-19 Vaccination Reported in Connecticut

[www.theepochtimes.com](https://www.theepochtimes.com)

Advising U.K. ministers about whether children ages 12 to 18 should be vaccinated, JCVI scientist Robert Dingwall said children may be "better protected by natural immunity generated through infection than by asking them to take the 'possible' risk of a vaccine."

<https://blogs.mercola.com/sites/vitalvotes/archive/2021/07/24/letting-children-catch-covid-mayprovide-better-immunity-than-vaccination.aspx>

"we have defended the ethical principle of informed consent to vaccine risk-taking because vaccines are pharmaceutical products that carry a risk of injury, death, and failure.<sup>49</sup> Because informed consent to medical risk taking is the central ethical principle guiding the ethical practice of medicine.<sup>50</sup> We support the "first do no harm" precautionary approach to public policymaking, which focuses on how much harm can be prevented from a policy or law and not how much harm is acceptable.<sup>51</sup> [articles.mercola.com](https://articles.mercola.com)

While the casualties of government-imposed [COVID-19 countermeasures](https://www.mercola.com) are manifold, the biggest and most tragic of them all is the loss of individual freedoms. As noted by Jonathan Sumption in his





February 15, 2021, Telegraph commentary:1 “What makes us a free society is that, although the state has vast powers, there are conventional limits on what it can do with them. The limits are conventional because they do not depend on our laws but on our attitudes. There are islands of human life which are our own, a personal space into which the state should not intrude without some altogether exceptional justification. Liberal democracy breaks down when frightened majorities demand mass coercion of their fellow citizens, and call for our personal spaces to be invaded. These demands are invariably based on what people conceive to be the public good. They all assert that despotism is in the public interest.” [articles.mercola.com](https://articles.mercola.com)

[The Biggest Casualty of COVID-19 Is Your Individual Rights](#) While the casualties of government-imposed COVID-19 countermeasures are manifold, the biggest and most tragic of them all is the loss of individual freedoms. As noted by Jonathan Sumption in his February 15, 2021, Telegraph commentary: 1 “What makes us a free society is that, although the state has vast powers, there are conventional limits on what it can do with them. [articles.mercola.com](https://articles.mercola.com)

[Vaccination: Defend Your Right to Know and Freedom to Choose - Mercola.com](#) The most divisive and hotly debated of all health freedom issues is the question of whether individuals should be at liberty to dissent from established medical and government health policy and exercise freedom of thought, speech, and conscience when it comes to vaccination. 11, 12, 13 In the health freedom movement, there are some who will defend the legal right to purchase and use ... [articles.mercola.com](https://articles.mercola.com)

[Letting Children Catch COVID May Provide Better Immunity Than Vaccination](#) It may be better for kids to let them catch COVID and get natural immunity, as opposed to giving them the vaccine, says a member of the Joint Commission on Vaccination and Immunization in the U.K. [blogs.mercola.com](https://blogs.mercola.com)

[18 Cases of Heart Inflammation After COVID-19 Vaccination Reported in Connecticut](#) A single state has recorded 18 cases of myocarditis in people who received a COVID-19 vaccine. All of the cases in Connecticut required hospitalization. [www.theepochtimes.com](https://www.theepochtimes.com)

[Doctors, Parents Sue HHS Over COVID-19 Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization in Children Under 16](#) A number of doctors, parents have sued the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and its secretary, Xavier Becerra, in a federal court, seeking to prevent the expansion of the emergency use authorization (EUA) of COVID-19 vaccines from including children under 16 years old. [www.theepochtimes.co](https://www.theepochtimes.co)

An important and highly concerning study published early this year in the journal Microbiology & Infectious Diseases titled, "[Covid-19 RNA Based Vaccines and the Risk of Prion Diseases.](#)" addresses one of the many potential, unintended, adverse health effects of the experimental mRNA Covid-19 vaccines presently being deployed worldwide, namely, their possible induction of prion diseases, a category of highly fatal brain disorders. [https://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/study-finds-plausible-link-between-deadly-prion-brain-diseases-experimental-mrna3?utm\\_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter%3A%20Deadly%20Prion%20Brain%20Diseases%20%26%20Experimental%20mRNA%20Covid19%20Vaccines%3A%20Study%20Finds%20Plausible%20Link%20%28TZbuFV%29&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Daily%20Newsletter&ke=eyJrbF9jb21wYW55X2lkIjogIksydllhBeSIsICJrbF9lbWFpbCI6ICJtZSxpc3NhdGVyZXNlMjJhaWwY29tIn0%3D](https://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/study-finds-plausible-link-between-deadly-prion-brain-diseases-experimental-mrna3?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter%3A%20Deadly%20Prion%20Brain%20Diseases%20%26%20Experimental%20mRNA%20Covid19%20Vaccines%3A%20Study%20Finds%20Plausible%20Link%20%28TZbuFV%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Daily%20Newsletter&ke=eyJrbF9jb21wYW55X2lkIjogIksydllhBeSIsICJrbF9lbWFpbCI6ICJtZSxpc3NhdGVyZXNlMjJhaWwY29tIn0%3D)





**Deadly Prion Brain Diseases & Experimental mRNA Covid-19 Vaccines: Study Finds Plausible Link**

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<https://thevaccinereaction.org/2021/04/breakthrough-cases-of-covid-19-emerging-among-fullyvaccinatedamericans/?fbclid=IwAR0WNS6QLuTg0Ce9ikJg2pUINbumHogDov4p97aWBujWx8o5FONn8GeXoIU>

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The COVID shots are also five times more dangerous than the pandemic H1N1 vaccine, which had a 25- per-million severe side effect rate.<sup>8,9</sup> Assuming the COVID shots had the same side effect rate, and assuming some 200 million got the vaccine, the estimated number of people suffering a serious side effect would be about 5,000. We're well past that already, as 35,86410 people have been seriously injured or killed. <https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/07/01/covid-vaccine-deathsand-injuries.aspx>

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